



# Department of Homeland Security Daily Open Source Infrastructure Report for 28 November 2006

Current  
Nationwide  
Threat Level is

**ELEVATED**  
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF  
TERRORIST ATTACKS

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## Daily Highlights

- Mississippi State University engineers are working with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory on a homeland security project that seeks to devise a computer tracking and monitoring model to thwart terrorist threats on inland waterways by identifying barges and other vessels carrying potentially dangerous cargoes. (See item [8](#))
- The Department of Health and Human Services along with other federal health officials, on Monday, November 27, announced National Influenza Vaccination Week by urging Americans who have not gotten flu vaccinations yet to get them before flu season peaks. (See item [11](#))

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## Energy Sector

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *November 26, Associated Press* — **Firms crimping oil supplies.** Why would Shell Oil Co. close its Bakersfield refinery when oil production there was so robust? Why scrap a profit maker? The company says it could make more money on other projects. It denies it intended to squeeze the market, as its critics would claim, to drive up gasoline profits at its other refineries in the region. Whatever the truth in Bakersfield, an Associated Press analysis suggests that big oil companies have been crimping supplies in subtler ways across the country for years. And

tighter supplies tend to drive up prices. The analysis, based on data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration, indicates that the industry slacked off supplying oil and gasoline during the prolonged price boom between early 1999 and last summer, when prices began to fall.

Source: [http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/11/25/AR2006112500956\\_pf.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/11/25/AR2006112500956_pf.html)

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## **Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

2. *November 27, Chicago Tribune* — **Chicago teachers' IDs and Social Security numbers mailed by mistake.** A printing contractor for the Chicago Public Schools said Sunday, November 26, that it mistakenly mailed a list of names, Social Security numbers and home addresses of nearly 1,740 former school employees as part of a packet of health-insurance information to them. Broadview-based All Printing & Graphics Inc., which was hired to print, stuff and mail the packets, said it did not realize an e-mail from the Chicago Public Schools contained the personal data. The e-mail requested that the company send open enrollment information to former employees still receiving health-care coverage through the schools. Chicago school officials acknowledged Sunday that the printer sent the list to some former employees who receive health coverage, but they were not certain how many. School officials plan to send out a follow-up letter Monday that will formally apologize for the mistake, thank recipients who might have already shredded the list and instruct those who have not to mail it back in a postage-paid envelope. School officials encouraged anyone with concerns to call 773-553-2820 or e-mail them at [communications@cps.k12.il.us](mailto:communications@cps.k12.il.us).

Source: <http://www.chicagotribune.com/news/local/chi-0611270227nov27.1.2440671.story?coll=chi-news-hed>

3. *November 27, SecurityFocus* — **Report: Mining of bank data broke European law.** The United States' access to data on international bank transfers, granted by the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunications (SWIFT), violated the privacy laws of the European Union (EU), stated the initial opinion of the Article 29 Working Party, a government advisory group created to study privacy issues. In a five-page statement released on Thursday, November 23, the Working Party stated that Belgium-based SWIFT mirrored the transaction data in the United States without taking proper precautions that the information would be handled in accordance with EU law. Moreover, SWIFT violated EU privacy law when it gave

the U.S. Treasury Department repeated access to the data, which includes the names of the sender and recipient in each fund transfer, to hunt for financial links to terrorist organizations. The Working Group has called for SWIFT to stop sharing data with the U.S. government and bring its data storage into compliance with European law. The group also criticized the European Central Banks for the lack of effective oversight in the matter and advised all other financial institutions that they must notify their clients of the privacy breach. Report:

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/fsj/privacy/news/docs/PR\\_Swift\\_Affair\\_23\\_11\\_06\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/fsj/privacy/news/docs/PR_Swift_Affair_23_11_06_en.pdf)

Source: <http://www.securityfocus.com/brief/367>

4. *November 24, VNUNet* — **Phishing site offers 'job' at children's charity but is really a money laundering scam.** A Website that purports to help underprivileged children is actually a scam to dupe users into laundering money, a security company has warned. A mass email detected by PandaLabs offers jobs at a supposed organization committed to helping deprived children, but is actually a strategy to find unwary people to launder stolen money. The emails have subjects like 'Best Job No Experience Needed', while the message body offers a well-paid job working only a few hours a day for the bogus organization. If a user contacts the fraudsters through the site they receive more details about the job. However, the operators also request money to be wired to a bank account. Panda recommends all users to delete any messages of this type that reach their inboxes and not to provide any personal details that could be used for criminal activities.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2169533/phishers-dupe-people-trying>

5. *November 24, VNUNet* — **Malware from China and Russia targeting information for identity theft.** Security software developer PC Tools has said that up to 50 percent of new spyware threats coming from China and Russia target specific information for identity theft. The warning comes amid a flood of dire predictions, as fraudsters and malware writers gear up for a busy Christmas. Michael Greene, vice president of product strategy at PC Tools, believes that 90 percent of holiday threats come from spyware rather than viruses, as hackers focus on looting vulnerable companies and stealing personal identities. PC Tools advises users who suspect that they have been caught out by fraudsters to close suspected tampered bank accounts and file a police report. Users in the U.S. should contact the Federal Trade Commission.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2169481/security-firm-warns-holiday-spyware>

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## **Transportation and Border Security Sector**

6. *November 27, USA TODAY* — **Airport check-in: Los Angeles wants to restart suburban service.** Los Angeles city officials approved this month a proposal to restart commercial service at Palmdale Regional Airport. They hope to recruit an airline that will start service in 2007 and provide daily jet connections to a hub airport somewhere in the West. Located 60 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles, Palmdale Regional has a 9,000-square-foot terminal and can handle up to 300,000 passengers annually. The airport, which is now used by the Air Force, shut down its commercial service earlier this year when Scenic Airlines ended its flights to Las Vegas. Over the years, the airport has had intermittent commercial service, including United Express in the late 1990s, but hasn't been able to attract enough flights to keep it going steadily, spokesperson Nancy Castles says. Commercial service at Palmdale could help relieve passenger

and automobile traffic at Los Angeles International, she says.

Source: [http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-11-26-check-in-c-hicago\\_x.htm](http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-11-26-check-in-c-hicago_x.htm)

7. *November 27, 1010 WINS (NY)* — **Study confirms need for ferry from Fairfield to NYC.** A new study endorses the idea of launching a high-speed commuter ferry between Fairfield County and lower Manhattan, saying there is a viable market for the service. The study, in the works for two years, concludes that the service could be a quick, comfortable, and affordable alternative to driving and could help take vehicles off congested Interstate 95. About 80 percent of commuters in the Stamford-Bridgeport, CT, area questioned in a survey for the study said they would consider using the high-speed ferry service if it were created, according to the review conducted for the Bridgeport Port Authority. The study proposes two ferry boats operating during morning and evening peak hours on weekdays, with the possibility of adding weekend service to bolster tourism. The service would include trips between Bridgeport and Stamford, and between Stamford and lower Manhattan.

Source: <http://www.1010wins.com/pages/133146.php?contentType=4&contentId=247452>

8. *November 27, MSU Public Affairs* — **MSU engineers work to thwart terror threats on inland waterways.** Mississippi State University (MSU) engineers are working on a homeland security project aimed at thwarting terrorist threats on U.S. inland waterways. A joint research project between the university and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory seeks to devise a computer tracking and monitoring model that will identify in real time riverine-based barges and other vessels carrying potentially dangerous cargoes. Armed with a \$441,000 research grant from the Department of Homeland Security, MSU's department of industrial and systems engineering (ISE), which is headed by Royce Bowden, will begin developing and field-testing a prototype system early next year. "It is expected to provide early warnings of terrorism related to barge-carried cargoes designated as dangerous by DHS and share the warnings with state, regional and local leaders for better decision-making in disaster prevention and response," added ISE assistant professor Mingzhou Jin, principal investigator for the two-year project. Some 800,000 daily shipments of hazardous materials are viewed as a major threat to U.S. security because they can be used by terrorists as weapons of mass destruction. Nearly a billion tons of such materials are moved by water annually.

Source: [http://www.cdispatch.com/articles/2006/11/25/local\\_news/area\\_news/area02.txt](http://www.cdispatch.com/articles/2006/11/25/local_news/area_news/area02.txt)

9. *November 26, Associated Press* — **Rent dispute between airlines, LAX airport agency could lead to higher ticket prices.** A dispute between airlines and the city's airport agency over rent at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) terminals could lead to increased fares and delay plans to renovate the aging facility. The discord recently became public when low-cost carriers complained about a proposed rent increase of more than 200 percent. It reflects a nationwide conflict between airlines struggling to stay aloft with surging fuel prices and airport operators trying to fund renovations for outdated airports. The city's airport agency is funded largely by landing and terminal fees paid by airlines and revenue from airport parking, shops, and restaurants. Bob Montgomery, Southwest Airlines' vice president of properties, told airport commissioners last week the rate increase would make LAX the most expensive airport of those offering Southwest flights. The agency running LAX, Los Angeles World Airports, says it has subsidized airlines for years and must raise rent to a fair market value. Landing fees paid by airlines covered less than half of the airport's \$93.1 million security cost in the 2004 fiscal year, officials said.

Source: [http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20061126-0419-laxdi\\_spute.html](http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20061126-0419-laxdi_spute.html)

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## **Agriculture Sector**

**10. *November 26, Associated Press* — Foundation trying to preserve endangered breeds of livestock.** Concerned that Dutch Belted Cattle could become extinct, the SVF Foundation is collecting germplasm — sperm, fertilized embryos, blood, and tissue — from its cattle to try to preserve the breed. Dutch Belteds are one of 18 endangered breeds of cattle, sheep, and goats the foundation hopes to save. While modern breeds produce better meat, milk, and wool, many older, endangered breeds are more resistant to heat and illness — traits that make them worth preserving. If disease devastated a sheep population, farmers might want to revive the parasite-resistant Gulf Coast sheep or crossbreed it with their animals to produce hardier offspring. "Germplasm is like the best insurance policy in the world in case something happens to a large population," said Don Schrider, communication director for the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. The SVF Foundation is one of two significant germplasm repositories in the United States. The National Animal Germplasm Program run by the U.S. Department of Agriculture has a far larger collection, but SVF's stands out because of its emphasis on endangered breeds.

Source: <http://www.billingsgazette.net/articles/2006/11/26/news/business/55-foundation.txt>

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## **Food Sector**

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## **Public Health Sector**

**11. *November 27, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* — HHS launches National Influenza Vaccination Week.** Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt, along with other federal health officials, Monday, November 27, kicked off National Influenza Vaccination Week by urging Americans who have not gotten flu

vaccinations yet to get them before flu season peaks. National Influenza Vaccination Week runs from November 27 through December 3. Flu vaccine makers have produced a record amount of vaccine to distribute this flu season.

Source: <http://www.dhhs.gov/news/press/2006pres/20061127.html>

12. *November 27, Associated Press* — **South Korea to kill cats, dogs to prevent spread of bird flu.** South Korea plans to kill cats and dogs to try to prevent the spread of bird flu after an outbreak of the deadly H5N1 virus at a chicken farm last week, officials said Monday, November 27. Quarantine officials have already killed 125,000 chickens within a 1,650-foot radius of the outbreak site in Iksan. Officials began slaughtering poultry on Sunday. They plan to slaughter a total of 236,000 poultry, as well as other animals, including pigs, and all dogs and cats in the area by Thursday, November 30. About six million eggs will also be destroyed.

Source: [http://health.yahoo.com/news/ap/southkoreatokillcatsdogs:\\_ylt=AIDrEKwuH6wHM\\_MKqE0eZgGz5xcB](http://health.yahoo.com/news/ap/southkoreatokillcatsdogs:_ylt=AIDrEKwuH6wHM_MKqE0eZgGz5xcB)

13. *November 26, City News (Canada)* — **Toronto Public Health confirms several cases of Hepatitis A.** Toronto Public Health confirmed at least 20 cases of Hepatitis A Sunday night, November 26, some of which are already in the hospital at Etobicoke General. The origin of some cases hasn't been confirmed, but the mother of one patient suggests her son may have gotten it from school. A few weeks back, Toronto Public Health officials acknowledged that certain students at Elmbank Junior Middle Academy had been diagnosed with Hepatitis A, and sent a letter to parents saying the school was not the source of the outbreak.

Source: [http://www.citynews.ca/news/news\\_5609.aspx](http://www.citynews.ca/news/news_5609.aspx)

14. *November 25, China Post* — **First case of Chikungunya fever found in Taiwan.** A Taiwanese student who had been studying in Singapore since last year recently returned to his Taipei County home and was confirmed Friday, November 24, to have contracted Chikungunya fever while in Singapore, a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) official said. The 13-year-old student was detected with high fever at Taiwan Taoyuan International Airport November 20 upon his return from Singapore. After examining a blood sample from the boy, the CDC announced that the boy had contracted Chikungunya fever — a viral disease transmitted through mosquito bites — making him the first confirmed Chikungunya fever case in Taiwan medical history.

Source: <http://www.chinapost.com.tw/taiwan/detail.asp?ID=96012&GRP=B>

15. *November 25, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation* — **Quebec hospital fights new C. difficile outbreak.** A hospital ward in Joliette, Quebec, Canada, has been closed to visitors as health-care workers fight an outbreak of Clostridium difficile bacteria, which has infected 17 people in the last 12 days. The Lanaudière regional hospital put strict new measures into place on Friday, November 24, to help prevent the spread of infection. Seventeen patients with C. difficile infections at the Lanaudière regional hospital were placed in isolation and were said to be in stable condition on Saturday. Patients who are over 65 and taking antibiotics for respiratory illnesses and those with weakened immune systems are considered to be most at risk for coming down with the bacterial infection. Last April, four people died at the same hospital from C. difficile. Twelve people died during an outbreak at another hospital in St-Hyacinthe, Quebec, earlier this fall and a hospital in Drummondville reported three deaths last week.

Source: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2006/11/25/c-difficile.html>



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## **Emergency Services Sector**

**16. *November 27, Federal Emergency Management Agency* — Federal Emergency Management Agency National Situation Update.** Hawaii tests Emergency Alert System for tsunamis: After a 5.0 magnitude earthquake struck off the northwest coast of Hawaii on Thanksgiving Day, State Civil Defense officials used the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to notify residents that there was no danger of a tsunami. Some residents had complained previously that State officials had not provided timely tsunami warnings after the earthquakes that struck the islands October 15 causing an estimated \$200 million in damages. Although officials knew there was no threat of tsunami after the October quakes, they did not provide public notifications concerning tsunamis until approximately three hours after the events. After the earthquake on Thanksgiving Day, State officials were able to issue a message 37 minutes after the quake struck to inform the public that no tsunami had been generated. State officials indicated they would ideally like to issue tsunami EAS messages to the public within five to 10 minutes after a quake strikes.

To view other updates: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/index.shtm>

Source: <http://www.fema.gov/emergency/reports/2006/nat112706.shtm>

**17. *November 27, Honolulu Advertiser* — Earthquake, tsunami hoax alarms hundreds on Oahu.** A hoax about a pending earthquake and tsunami triggered a storm of calls Sunday, November 26, to civil defense, police and news organizations, and sent hundreds of residents on the Hawaiian island of Oahu rushing for gas and supplies. "It appears to have been orchestrated and malicious," state Civil Defense spokesperson Ray Lovell said. State officials said they received 500 to 600 calls from residents from 4 to 6 p.m. local time. Oahu's 911 system was bombarded by hundreds of inquiries, according to police, and geophysicists Brian Shiro and Victor Sardina answered about 200 calls from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Pacific Tsunami Warning Center in Ewa Beach. The concern was spurred by fast-spreading talk of a magnitude 9-plus earthquake that supposedly was to occur on the Big Island of Hawaii which would cause a large tsunami. Several local TV stations ran crawlers across the screen saying there was no tsunami but the rumors persisted. The lesson to be learned, officials say, is that there's no science that can accurately predict when an earthquake or seismic event of nature will occur. Lovell said the state's warning system will alert people if there is a real emergency.

Source: <http://www.honoluluadvertiser.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061127/NEWS01/611270349/1001>

**18. *November 25, Enterprise (MA)* — Massachusetts officials learn about life-saver tracking system.** Local towns are becoming more educated in an area of technology that could result in saving a life. Recently, public safety officials, first responders, town officials, and school personnel in Bridgewater, MA, had the opportunity to take a three-day course on Project

Lifesaver. Project Lifesaver is a program that trains officials in the community to use a handheld mobile locator tracking system to find someone who is under a 24-hour care program for Alzheimer's, Autism, and Down Syndrome, and may have wandered off, or become lost. The person under care wears a personalized bracelet that gives off a signal, and in the event the person becomes lost, those who have been trained can begin a rapid search for them through the use of the tracking system that would hopefully pick up the signal from the bracelet.

Source: <http://enterprise.southofboston.com/articles/2006/11/25/news/news/news06.txt>

**19. *November 22, GovExec* — Emergency preparedness exercises remain an imperfect science.**

It is now an infamous hurricane. Category 3 upon landfall, it ripped through the Gulf Coast region, fulfilling worst fears by hitting low-lying New Orleans. The storm "brought sustained winds of 120 [miles per hour], up to 20 inches of rain in parts of southeast Louisiana and a storm surge that topped levees in the New Orleans area," according to a press release from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). But Hurricane Pam existed only on paper as part of a training exercise conducted by FEMA and local officials in July 2004, a year and one month before Hurricane Katrina. The real-life version of The Big One exposed widespread flaws in the government's ability to respond to disasters, making Hurricane Pam a symbol, in many minds, of the questionable effectiveness of preparedness exercises. The simulation illuminated some lessons later applied with successful results, but as a whole, the system seemed unready, despite the rehearsal. Just funding and requiring agencies to perform crisis simulations isn't enough, critics say. Rigorous and independent evaluation is needed to ensure that exercises provide an accurate portrait of response capabilities and deficiencies.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/1106/112206z1.htm>

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## **Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector**

**20. *November 27, Associated Press* — Fan hacks singer's cell phone data using national lab computer.** A woman is accused of using a computer at a national laboratory to hack into a cell phone company's Website to get a number for Chester Bennington, lead singer of the rock group Linkin Park. According to an affidavit filed by the Department of Defense Inspector General, Devon Townsend, 27, obtained copies of Bennington's cell phone bill, the phone numbers he called and digital pictures taken with the phone. Investigators said she also hacked into the e-mail of Bennington's wife, Talinda Bennington, and at one point called her and threatened her. Townsend is accused of using a computer at her former workplace, Sandia National Laboratories, to access Bennington's cell phone information. Lab spokesperson Michael Padilla said Wednesday, November 22, that Townsend no longer worked there. Townsend's attorney, Ray Twohig, said that investigators were still analyzing his client's computer and that it remains to be seen what exact violations will be alleged. Townsend's computer wasn't connected to classified data, Padilla said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/SHOWBIZ/Music/11/27/people.linkinpark.ap/index.html>

**21. *November 27, New York Times* — Web tool said to offer way past the government censor.**

At the University of Toronto a team of political scientists, software engineers and computer-hacking activists, or "hactivists," have created the latest, and some say most advanced tool yet in allowing Internet users to circumvent government censorship of the Web.



The program, called psiphon (pronounced “SY–fon”), will be released on December 1 in response to growing Internet censorship that is pushing citizens in restrictive countries to pursue more elaborate and sophisticated programs to gain access to Western news sites, blogs and other censored material. Psiphon is downloaded by a person in an uncensored country (psiphon.civisec.org), turning that person’s computer into an access point. Someone in a restricted–access country can then log into that computer through an encrypted connection and using it as a proxy, gain access to censored sites. The program’s designers say there is no evidence on the user’s computer of having viewed censored material once they erase their Internet history after each use. The software is part of a broader effort to live up to the initial hopes human rights activists had that the Internet would provide unprecedented freedom of expression for those living in restrictive countries.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/11/27/technology/27censorship.html?ref=technology>

- 22. November 27, Computerworld — Department of Defense report to detail dangers of foreign software.** A U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) task force early next year plans to warn the Pentagon of a growing threat to national security from adversaries who could insert malicious code in software developed overseas. The Defense Science Board (DSB), a military/civilian think tank within the DoD, will issue a report that calls for a variety of prevention and detection measures but stops short of recommending that all software procured by the military be written in the U.S., said the head of the task force that has been studying the so–called foreign influence issue. The possibility that programmers might hide Trojan horses, trapdoors and other malware inside the code they write is hardly a new concern. But the DSB will say in its report that three forces — the greater complexity of systems, their increased connectivity and the globalization of the software industry — have combined to make the malware threat increasingly acute for the DOD. Robert Lucky, the chairman of the DSB task force, said this month that all the code the DoD procures is at risk, from business software to so–called mission software that supports war–fighting efforts.

Source: [http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=274599&intsrc=news\\_ts\\_head](http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=274599&intsrc=news_ts_head)

## Internet Alert Dashboard

Current Port Attacks	
<b>Top 10 Target Ports</b>	4662 (eDonkey2000), 6881 (bittorrent), 1026 (win-rpc), 4672 (eMule), 1027 (icq), 1028 (---), 38973 (---), 32796 (---), 113 (auth), 445 (microsoft-ds)
Source: <a href="http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html">http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html</a> ; Internet Storm Center	
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## Commercial Facilities/Real Estate, Monument & Icons Sector

23.

*November 27, New York Times* — **With the price of copper up, the plumbing can go missing.** When Mike Roscoe first saw water running along the gangway between his two row houses, he thought he was dealing with a leaking pipe, not the impact of global economic forces. After all, why would thieves — midnight plumbers as the police call them — tear out the floorboards, toilets, even the walls of the homes, all in search of copper tubing? In the last year, a worldwide surge in demand for copper, largely from construction booms in China and India, has pushed up its value. Scrap metal dealers in Pittsburgh said they were paying about \$2 a pound for No. 2 copper, which by definition has been bent or soldered, more than triple the 65 cents they paid a year ago. Though the news media has reported thefts of copper wire from streetlights, electrical substations and cell phone towers across the country, most of it is taken from abandoned homes or homes under construction, usually by drug addicts looking for quick cash. In Pittsburgh, about 250 such thefts have been reported in the last year, compared with perhaps a dozen last year, the police said.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/11/27/us/27copper.html?ref=us>

24. *November 27, Associated Press* — **Lincoln Memorial closed over note, liquid.** Authorities briefly closed the Lincoln Memorial on Monday, November 27, after finding suspicious bottles in a restroom and a note reading "Do you know what anthrax is?" and "Do you know what a bomb is?" Authorities found a bottle appearing to contain a liquid in a basement ladies' rest room, along with the note. None of the objects was found to be a threat, said Wayne Benson, a battalion chief with the District of Columbia fire department. The memorial was reopened less than three hours later, shortly after 3 p.m. EST. No injuries were reported.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/nation/4362583.html>

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## **General Sector**

25. *November 27, Associated Press* — **An early-warning army of foot soldiers.** The Appalachian Trail stretches for nearly 2,200 miles, a ribbon of mountains and meadows, forests and fauna. But scientists, hikers and land managers say it is more than a footpath. Passing through 14 states and eight national forests from Georgia to Maine, the trail is also a living laboratory that could help warn 120 million people along the Eastern Seaboard of looming environmental problems. Thus a group of organizations has started a long-term project to monitor the trail, with plans to tap into an army of volunteer "citizen scientists" and their professional counterparts. They will collect information about plants and animals, air and water quality, visibility and migration patterns to build an early-warning system for the non-hiking public. The Appalachian Mountains are ideal for such a project because they are home to one of the richest collections of temperate-zone species in the world, and the trail has a natural diversity that is nearly unsurpassed in the national park system. It also has different ecosystems that blend into one another: hardwood forests next to softwood forests next to alpine forests. The idea is in its infancy, but it already has support from the National Park Service and the Forest Service, along with Cornell University, the National Geographic Society and the Aveda Corporation.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2006/11/27/science/earth/27trail.html>

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